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KAMPEN - Cellebroederspoort (or Broederpoort), a rectangular city gate with four slender towers, originally from 1465, rebuilt in Renaissance style in 1615. The location is a favourite background for marriage ceremonies. There are two more city gates in Kampen. More on Kampen on pages 14 & 15.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 7 April	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thursday 11 April	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 25 April	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 26 April	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More information on page 5	
Tuesday 30 April	<u>"The Abdication of Queen Beatrix & the Coronation of Prince Willem Alexander"</u>	
	More details on page 13	
Sunday 5 May	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thursday 9 May	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Saturday 11 May	<u>"Smorgasbord of Jazz and Great Food"</u>	
	With the Storyville Jazz Club 7.00 pm	
	Costs: \$40.00 p.p. This includes your meal!	
Thursday 23 May	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 31 May	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More information on page 5	
Sunday 1 June	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thursday 6 June	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 20 June	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:

Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207 or E-mail her on: gerrycreemers@iinet.net.au or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154

Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Report from your President



BVN

It is with pride and relief that I can advise you that we are now able to view BVN in the big hall. This opens a lot of opportunities for us all and it will be, we expect, another step forward to attract more Dutch people to the club.

The first big occasion to watch Dutch TV on the big screen will be on 30

April when Neerlandia opens its doors to members and the general public to watch live the abdication of Queen Beatrix and the inauguration of King Willem-Alexander. Further in the magazine you can read how to obtain tickets to be a part of this very special day in Dutch history.

Cool room

The committee has worked hard on the maintenance and the upkeep of the building.

The two latest projects were the cool room and the relocation of the Neerlandia office.

The cool room, for quite a while, had shown problems with the cooling system. After a service it appeared that ice had formed on the fans, thereby making it (virtually) impossible for the fans to work. After investigation it appeared that ice formation occurred as the motor of the cool room was occasionally switched off. This should not happen: the motor should be kept running at all times. Tony now has indicated that the on/off switch should not be touched by any one and we ask kitchen volunteers to adhere to these instructions as we need a well working cool room and we do not want to incur repair costs that can be avoided.

Neerlandia Office

As DACWA's client base is growing, the organization applied for more office space within the Neerlandia building. Since Neerlandia cherishes the cooperation with DACWA, it went to a lot of effort to empty the office upstairs and move the contents to the storage area downstairs. It took a few weeks to sort out the office upstairs and thanks to Tony & Vera, Henk & Lou we are now able to hand over empty office space to DACWA. It is our understanding that Anja will move from the ground floor to the first floor which should give the DACWA ladies ample space to continue the good work they do for DACWA within the legal requirements of minimum square meters for each employee.

Meanwhile the Committee and Alf are now happy with the new space downstairs, which, coincidentally, used to be the original Neerlandia Office - the circle is round.

Neerlandia Shop

Writing about the storage space downstairs reminds me of another big development that is of interest to you. The shop team has been expanded with Anne & Dirk Heijstek. A lot of you will know Anne as she has worked behind the bar on Thursdays, when DJVV meets. Dirk helps out when Anne tends to the bar during private parties. With Marieke and her partner expecting their second child, the committee realized that we should look for relief of Marieke by the time that she will resign for maternity leave in August. It is with great pleasure and relief that we have found Anne and Dirk interested and enthusiastic on eventually taking over from Marieke.

However, we are also looking for a new committee member

who can work with Marieke for the next three months, to be groomed for the job as Secretary. This could be your opportunity to have a say in the direction that Neerlandia is going. For more information or for a chat, please contact Marieke on marieke_down_under@hotmail.com or me on 0419 181 154 or send me an email to

lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_ between lianna and parker).

Obviously we are looking forward to your calls.

On behalf of the Neerlandia Committee and the Members, I would like to send best wishes to Marieke and Darren and their son Harry.

Your Membership

Please make sure that you are a financial member by 1 April.

As per our Constitution, all members of the Society have to be financial by 31 January of each year. However the Committee understands that people forget due to the busy Christmas period and the following summer break of the Club. If you have not paid yet, please use the enclosed 2013 membership form and hand it in, with your financial contribution, to one of the familiar faces when you are next in the club.

Apology

While we are still enjoying beautiful sunny days, we have slowly slipped into autumn and you are currently reading the April issue of our magazine.

Time flies but a few things remain.

A while ago I wrote how I survived the busy Christmas period in my first year as President of Neerlandia. I explained how everything was new to me and how I had to learn the routines of organizing functions. Many of you appreciated my predicament.

However, it has been brought to my attention that some of the members are still unhappy about an advertisement that wrongly promoted free coffee during the Dutch Choir Christmas Carols Concert in December 2012. When the poster was printed I overlooked this printing error. This oversight created a bit of confusion amongst a small amount of the patrons who had bought tickets for the concert. I would like to apologize once more for the mistake in the poster and for the grief it may have caused some of you.

In closing

Meanwhile my parents have enjoyed a relaxing time with us; thank you all for the interest that you have shown in their well-being; I was very fortunate to have them coming over again.

Health, family and friends are the essence of life - may you be surrounded by it.

Until next month!

Lianna Parker,

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF
THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Bernadine Beurs
Arnoud Levenga
Peter Rietveld
Anja Todd



Dear members,

I am very thrilled to read that Neerlandia will be able to show the direct telecast of the abdication of Queen Beatrix and the crowning of Prince Willem Alexander and Princess Maxima as King and Queen

of the Netherlands on the big screen in our clubhouse.

As the event takes place late afternoon/evening, it is a spectacle not to be missed. It has been 123 years ago that the Netherlands last had a King!

For your Satellite and Antenna Service:

In order to get BVN on the Big Screen in the main hall and not to have cables all over the place (a trip hazard not only for elderly people) Neerlandia used the services of Jamie Chester.

I personally recommended him to several people and the feedback has been very positive.

Jamie also decided to place an advertisement in our magazine.

If you want to install BVN, or your TV or BVN reception is playing up, Jamie is the expert.

His contact details can be found in his advertisement on page 6 of this magazine.

Support our advertisers, please.

Holidays:

Speaking on a personal note, we have settled in Bibra Lake very well. We feel at home and Joke reckons she won the lottery as far as the house is concerned. Most of the hard work is now behind us and the rest that is still on our wish list, can be done gradually.

Joke and I are also going to enjoy a 14 day holiday in Kota Kinabalu, in Sabah on Borneo during the second half of April.

We were last there about 25 years ago and it will be interesting to see the developments that have taken place as well as the tourist spots and nature areas that have opened up since then.

Besides that we have just spent a week in Albany to assist Jenny Kievit, formerly of the Dutch Radio, who has moved from Perth into a retirement village in Albany.

Moving house was made very difficult for her as she had a hip replacement only 3 weeks before. But with the assistance of Ray & Riki Schaafsma, the 4 of us made sure that unpacking and installation of furniture, equipment and everything else went very smoothly and she has settled in her new surroundings very well.

In Memoriam:

This heading is becoming all too familiar in this column.

This time on behalf of Neerlandia I have to pay tribute to Willy Hogen-Esch, who passed away on the 26th of February.

She is well-known as an artist and it was Willy, who painted and donated those three beautiful Dutch landscape paintings, that are on the North wall of the main Hall at Neerlandia.

Whenever we had an Open Day or a Market Day, Willy always had a stall with her beautiful Dutch paintings up for sale.

Her paintings will grace the walls of many of our members, including our own, for years to come.

Sincere condolences go to her relatives and she will surely be missed, not only by her family but by a lot of Neerlandia members.

Pieter Leeftang.

Manoah Market Day:

When: Saturday 13 April

Starting Time: 9.00 am

Where: 86 Mills Road Gosnells West

There will be a variety of stalls with Coffee, Soups, Croquettes etc. available.

For more information contact:

Willy on: Tel: 9398 1902

IN LOVING MEMORY

We received notification that the following member has passed away:

Willy Hogen-Esch (26 February 2013)

Sincere condolences to her family from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc .



May She Rest in Peace.

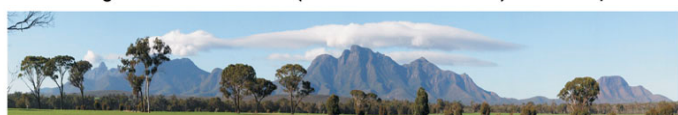
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Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 7 April en op zondag 5 Mei.



Kosten: \$8.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

De toegangsprijs prijs is iets omhoog gegaan om de steigende onkosten te dekken.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.

Iedereen is welkom.



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AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 26th of April 2013 and
on Friday the 31st of May**

The Bar is open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from the Kitchen:

Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! A variety of "belegde broodjes" from the Dutch Butcher.

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

***Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome -
Everyone is welcome.***

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke



February End of Month Drinks

After more than 3 years of having End of Month Drinks in the lounge, we thought it was time to open the big bar and see what would happen. A natural division of patrons developed whereby the established members felt more comfortable in the Pieter Leeftang

Lounge, whereas the newer ones grouped together at the large tables in the hall. It was remarkable to see that there were very few children this time but still we counted 90 visitors, so it was lively enough.

Like every month, this EoM borrel was again totally different from the previous ones. The only constant during those nights is the nerve racking struggle for Marieke and me to find volunteers.

It had been an extra stressful week for Marieke and



had a change in her work times. This means that we no longer have enough volunteers at the End of Month Drinks to prepare food, to serve orders and to do the dishes. Because of this we are not able anymore to offer cooked food. From the March EoM onwards, we will offer a variety of "belegde broodjes" which will be prepared by and bought from the Dutch Butcher. I am certain that there will be a lot of disappointed patrons who will miss their frites and



croquetten and I am not looking forward to the complaints that we will most likely have to endure.

Joke, Joke and Kitty, Lianna's mother.

However, Marieke and



These chips are yummy

myself leading up to this Friday night borrel as Dora could not make it to the kitchen and Marion had to come two hours later than usual. But, much to our relief, Annelie appeared to be a saving grace who, together with Nelly, made sure that the kitchen was ready for the orders



I got my ticket, but please hurry up, I am Hungry.

that came in from 5.30pm onwards. Yolanda was present from 6pm onwards and she too, is now a familiar face taking the orders and getting to know everyone.

Over the last year we have relied on a very small group of volunteers to cook for us on those Friday nights and the inevitable has happened: one of the ladies has had to resign from her EoM job as she has

I have done what we could and with the reduced resources that we now have available, we have no alternative. Moreover Marieke will soon be leaving us due to her pregnancy and this will only make the current situation more difficult. To put it quite simply, it has become too hard for us to attempt to continue with the same EoM formula. Obviously we are incredibly disappointed and sorry that we have been unable to impress on

our members the need for many more volunteers but we have had to face the facts and we have now entered a new stage maybe not



I show you how this game is played!

The Satellite and Antenna Guy Jamie Chester

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Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke

only for the EoM drinks but also for all of Neerlandia. However, it's not all complaining and desperation: we had a good night and everyone liked the idea of having the big bar open. Liora did a great job introducing new visitors to each other and all in all it was another successful End of Month Drinks. A special mention goes to the Eijsjes Meisjes: Elise and Margit did such a great job again bringing around the orders and picking up used crockery whilst youngest sister Yvette can't wait to get a tea tray in her hands herself.

(Photographs: Pieter Leeftang.)

Australis Goud Compagnie

Klaas Pool is a Neerlandia member and a few weeks ago he approached me and handed me a copy of his book "Australis Goud Compagnie". I started to read the book and after a while, I could not put the book down. This is a serious page turner, racy and a wonderful opportunity to polish up your knowledge of the Netherlands in The Golden Age.

A story of the VOC, the Dutch tall ships, the Amsterdam canals, gossip, financial dealings, heartbreak and gold in Australia!

Klaas has done a lot of research and he also has a deep knowledge of (the history of) the share market and maritime Dutch history. The cliff hanger at the end will make you want to read more by this knowledgeable and entertaining author.

I asked Klaas what had moved him to write this book. He told me that it was a combination of his professional background - investment analyst with gold as specialty - and his hobby, the history of Dutch sailors who got stranded on the Australian West coast on their way to Batavia.

Klaas let his fantasy run free and imagined what would have happened if not England but the Netherlands had colonized Australia.

Depending on the popularity of part 1, Klaas Pool will be writing part 2 and part 3, which will consecutively deal with Western Australia in 17th and 18th century, whereas part 3 will tell the story of Western Australia in the 19th and 20th century until present.

I have currently 4 copies of Australis Goud Company available for \$22.50 each of which \$2.50 will go to the Club.

Please contact me on 0419 181 154 or (preferably) on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (_between lianna parker). The book is written in the Dutch language.

Oops!

My apologies to Freda and her Wednesday Card Club kitchen crew for locking one of the kitchen trolleys away. I needed a trolley in the bar that day and I had not realized that you normally use two. Sorry, it will not happen again.

A wedding

Only a few people may realize that before Society Neerlandia bought the current building, this building used to be a wedding centre. On 2 March the building served as



such again as Henk Hanemaaijer en Judy vd Vlag married each other, witnessed by 80+ guests.

The previous day Henk, Lou and Tony set up the tables that were lovely decorated by Judy and her bridesmaids. As per usual during private parties, Gerry with her eye for detail, made sure that everything was seen to; her natural elegance and creativity always gives the finishing touch to any function held in the Club. Anne & Puck worked hard and professionally behind the bar and they made sure that all the guests had a glass of champagne to toast to Henk and Judy's health and happiness.

The committee would like to wish the happy couple many good years together.

Donations

Some of you have already played Quoits, this very entertaining game that was donated to the Children's Paradise by Henny & Harry Crijns! Thanks to both of you - certainly very entertaining as we saw some adults play this game in the big hall last End of Month Drinks!

Marieke is leaving

Lianna has already mentioned it, but Darren and I are expecting our second child in September! We're very excited, but unfortunately this means I'll have to give up my position in the Neerlandia Committee and in the shop. With the Committee already on the small side, I hope there will be someone who is very energetic and motivated to help out in the Committee.

Shop report

With Marieke pregnant, the shop is in need of someone to run it. Luckily Anne and Dirk Heistek have stepped up to the challenge. You will have seen Anne behind the bar during DJVV and Dirk has been helping out around the club, including installing the new taps in the Ladies' toilet. We're sure you'll all support them as they get the hang of things!

In the mean time, you will have noticed that the beschuit is back in stock! We're sure you're all as excited as we are! Also, make sure you check out our specials and snap up a bargain! You find the specials on the whiteboard on the fridge in the shop.

Lianna & Marieke.

Information & Assistance required

National Archives of Australia, Perth: Shake Your Family Tree Day Tuesday 16 April 2013.



Celebrate your heritage!

Each year the National Archives of Australia offers a day of seminars, expert advice and resources to inspire you to delve into your family history.

Many Australians are migrants or descendants of migrants. Learn how to

find records related to your family's story of arriving and settling in Australia. Or perhaps a member of your family served in the Australian Defense Force during WWI or WWII, or had other interaction with the Commonwealth Government such as copyright or patents approvals. Speak to experts about resources that can assist with your family history journey.

Attend a free seminar, take a behind-the-scenes tour, view the displays or chat to representatives from the National Archives of Australia, the State Records Office of WA, the Family History Unit of the State Library of WA, the WA Genealogical Society and the Royal Western Australian Historical Society.



The seminars and tours require advance bookings (Telephone 9470 7500 or email: yesna.liso@naa.gov.au to reserve your place). Or, if you'd just like to drop by and see the displays or talk with staff, just turn up.

A full program will be available on the NAA website closer to the date at: <http://naa.gov.au/visit-us/events/> or contact our office to obtain a copy.

Location: NAA Perth at 384 Berwick Street
East Victoria Park WA 6101

Date: Tuesday 16 April 2013

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

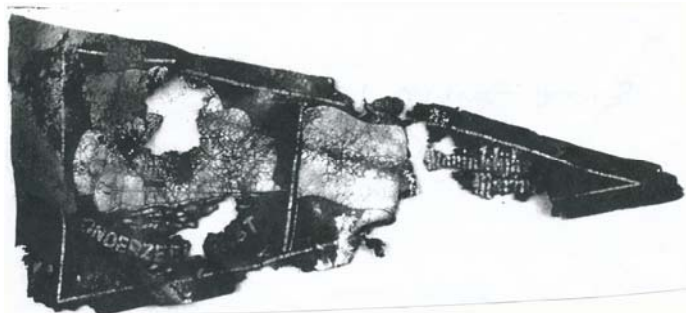
Parking: plenty of free parking off the street; just follow the parking guide's instructions when you turn in the front gates.

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and cold water available (free)

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Can You Help?

A pennant was found under the floor boards of an elderly



house in South Guilford by MHA (Maritime Heritage Ass) member Julie Taylor.

It is off a Dutch submarine and is presumably associated with the Dutch submarines stationed at Fremantle during World war II. The colours are a dark blue background with white writing (ONDERZEEDIENST) and a faded red white and blue Dutch flag.

The Dutch did not have their own depot ship at Fremantle and while some were housed in the USN Receiving Barracks at Finnerty Street, many of the sailors chose to find their own accommodation with families in the metropolitan area.

This pennant is presumably associated with a sailor or sailors who lived in the house presently under restoration.

Contact: Maritime heritage Ass.:
www.maritimeheritage.org.au
C/-Secretary9Leigh Smith
1 Meelah Rd
City Beach WA 6015



Sunday Drive & Merchandise

December Sunday Drive:

On Sunday the 3rd of March another one of our very popular Klaverjas Drives was held.

Despite it being a long weekend, with a few regulars being away, we still had 6 tables which was a very good result.

As usual there was a good atmosphere.

At the beginning Gerry asked the members present if they agreed with a price rise of one dollar commencing in April.

It was almost unanimously decided that it was a fair decision, so in April the card drive will cost \$8.00.

Unfortunately Gerry had to play herself, she had a slow table and someone else worked out who the winners were. However they must have thrown the score sheets out as they could not be located.

But the winners of the day were:

1st Prize: Barbara Penello with a score of over 7000

2nd Prize: Alex Udinga with a score of over 6900

3rd Prize: Louis Marcus.

Well done and see you all again next month.

The next Sunday card drive will be on Sunday 7th of April and the one after that on Sunday the 5th of May.

Gerry Creemers.



DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

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- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Gerookte Makreel**
- ... Beschuit, Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampde Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken
- ... Stroopwafels en een sortering van andere koekjes

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - Noon |

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden



Troonsafstand HM Koningin Beatrix Inhuldiging Koning Willem-Alexander

30 april 2013

**Nederlandse Club open van 3pm - 10pm
Directe TV uitzending vanuit Nederland**

**Keuken Open
Indonesisch Eten
Kroketjes
Bitterballen
Frikandellen
etc**

Bar Open

**Leden Gratis Toegang op vertoon van gereserveerd kaartje
Niet Leden \$10.00 op vertoon van gereserveerd kaartje
Kinderen tot 12 jaar gratis
KOM GEKLEED IN ORANJE**

**Kaartjes Reserveren?
Leden nemen contact op met Gerry Creemers op 9356 4207 of 0416 276 016
En je lidmaatschapsnummer bij de hand houden!**

Niet leden nemen contact op met Lianna Parker 0419 181 154 of lianna_parker@bigpond.com

Vanwege de verwachte populariteit van deze dag, moeten alle bestelde kaartjes voor zaterdag 27 april betaald en opgehaald zijn. Kaartjes die niet zijn betaald en opgehaald op die dag, gaan naar hen die op de wachtlijst staan.

**Wij zijn afhankelijk van directe uitzendingen uit Nederland dus
ALLES IS ONDER VOORBEHOUD**

Wil je ons steunen? Word dan lid!



Abdication Queen Beatrix Inauguration Willem-Alexander

30 April 2013

**Dutch Club will be open from 3pm - 10pm
Direct TV broadcast from the Netherlands**

**Kitchen Open
Indonesian Food
Kroketjes
Bitterballen
Friandellen
etc**

Bar Open

**Members free entry but on show of reserved tickets only
Non-Members \$10.00 but on show of reserved tickets only
Children up to 12 years old are free
Be dressed in orange on the day!**

**You want to book a ticket?
Members contact Gerry Creemers on 9356 4207 or 0416 276 016
And have your Club Membership number handy to quote!**

Non-Members contact Lianna Parker 0419 181 154 or lianna_parker@bigpond.com

**Due to expected huge demand, it is imperative that you pay and pick up your tickets before Saturday 27 April.
Unclaimed tickets will be re-allocated.**

As we are depending on direct broadcast from the Netherlands
THE DAY IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

You want to support us? Become a Neerlandia Member!

Reversed Nationality Ceremony

Reversed Nationality Ceremony

Honorary Consul Mr Arnold Stroobach is the Patron of Dutch Society “Neerlandia”. The Dutch Consulate in Perth and the Dutch Club frequently work closely together. One example of such an occasion is the “Reversed Nationality Ceremony”, whereby people born with the Australian nationality but who are eligible to receive Dutch citizenship, become Dutch citizens.

On 18 February about 35 people gathered together in the Pieter Leeftang Lounge in the Dutch Club to witness 12 applicants swear or pledge allegiance to the Dutch Constitution, of which Article 1 contains the principles of Dutch society.

Arnold Stroobach welcomed everyone and introduced Mrs Annemieke Ruigrok, Dutch Ambassador to Australia, to those present. One by one the future Dutch were called up to make an oath or a pledge in the Dutch Language.



LtoR: Anthony, Jacqueline, Anne and Sue-Anne.

Among the future Dutch and their guests, were the familiar faces of Anne Rietveld and her family. During the previous ceremony Anne herself received the Dutch nationality, but on 18 February it was the turn of her son and two daughters. Anne promised to be back next time as she has one more child left to obtain those highly sought after Dutch papers.

After the ceremony, while everyone enjoyed freshly brewed coffee and a piece of appeltaart met slagroom, I came to talk to the various people present. When asked, they all admitted

to have been nervous about the words they had to say in the Dutch language. The biggest struggle appeared to be the word “staatsburgerschap”. Admittedly, reading the two options, one has to agree that some of the words must look rather daunting to non-Dutch speakers.

You may be interested to have a closer look at Article 1 of the Dutch Constitution as this Article represents what “Nederland” and “Nederlanders” are all about.

Article 1 of the Dutch Constitution states the basis to combat discrimination; it formulates the principle of equality and the prohibition of discrimination.

The new Dutch, during the reversed nationality ceremony promise to respect the liberties and the rights and to adhere to obligations that being a Dutch Citizen entails.

The words to make this oath or promise are as follows:

The Oath:

*Ik zweer dat ik de grondwettelijke orde van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, haar vrijheden en rechten respecteer en zweer de plichten die het staatsburgerschap met zich meebrengt getrouw te vervullen.
Zo waarlijk helpe mij God almachtig.*

I swear that I will respect the constitutional order of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, its freedoms and rights, and I swear that I will faithfully fulfill my duties as a Dutch citizen.
So help me God.

The Declaration:

*Ik verklaar dat ik de grondwettelijke orde van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, haar vrijheden en rechten respecteer en beloof de plichten die het staatsburgerschap met zich meebrengt getrouw te vervullen.
Dat verklaar en beloof ik.*

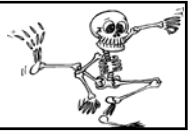
I declare that I will respect the constitutional order of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, its freedoms and rights, and I promise that I will faithfully fulfill my duties as a Dutch citizen.

This I declare and promise

Lianna Parker



Laughter is still the best medicine



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IT CAN BE HARD KEEPING A STRAIGHT FACE AS A COURT REPORTER

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Having a naughty!

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

The old Hanseatic town of Kampen

KAMPEN — (aan de IJssel)



Flag and Coat of Arms

Kampen is a municipality, a city and an old Hanseatic town at the lower reaches of the river IJssel in the Dutch province of Overijssel.

The municipality of Kampen has 50,073 inhabitants (January 1, 2010) in an area of approximately 162 km².

Kampen is located in the North West of Overijssel and is the largest city in this region. The city of Kampen itself counts 34,063 inhabitants.

HISTORY— MIDDLE AGES

By 1150, there were already wooden buildings on the site where Kampen is currently located. The name Kampen, however, is not mentioned until 1277. The city has had city rights since 1236. As a result of its convenient location on the busy trade route between the Zuiderzee and the Rhine, Kampen quickly developed from simple settlements into a prosperous trading town, to become one of the most powerful and leading cities of north-western Europe. In the 14th century, Kampen exchanged with the Bishop of Utrecht Jan van Arkel, the Mastenbroek polder against the right to increase the IJssel delta.

The silting up of the IJssel river mouth brought a gradual end to the prosperity of Kampen from 1430 on. For a long time Kampen did not want to sign a union and make economic and political concessions to other cities, as was usual in the Hanseatic League. When the County of Holland went to war with the Hanseatic League this situation came to an end: the city was forced to choose a side in the war. Kampen was originally more orientated toward the Baltic trade and commerce with the hinterland of the Rhine and therefore in 1441 formally joined the Hanseatic League. The city had much influence in the League; despite loud protests from the other towns in lower reaches of the IJssel and from other Hanseatic cities, the League agreed in 1448 to build a bridge over the river. This project was accomplished in just five months. With this bridge, Kampen hoped to be able to develop closer relationships with the hinterland.

POST-MEDIEVAL



Willem v/d Bergh

On 11 August 1572, Kampen was conquered from the Spaniards by Willem van den Bergh, a brother of William of Orange. After the massacre of Zutphen on 15 November, the city voluntarily surrendered to the Spanish. In 1578, the city changed ownership again after the Siege of Kampen, led by George van Lalaing. Due to its right to increase the IJsseldelta, Kampen was owner of the growing Kampereiland. From 1500 the islands were leased. The rents were so large that the city did not need to raise taxes.

The Franco-Dutch War, fought by the Republic of the United Netherlands against the Kingdom of France, Sweden, the Bishopric of Münster, the Archbishopric of Cologne and the Kingdom of England, marked a definitive end to the enormous power of the city.

Kampen only became well known again in the 19th century. The city was difficult to reach from the sea, because the surrounding wetlands had silted up and were shallow. During the preceding centuries, the watercourse of the river IJssel was dredged several times, but the costs were relatively high and within a few years, the river silted up again. As the IJssel had several delta-like mouths here, the main route of the river shifted several times.

In the 19th century, a new strategy was put in place to counter this problem: some watercourses were dammed to allow for more water at a higher speed through one or two main routes. This had the advantage that less sand and silt were deposited and resulted in a river course that "swept itself clean". A key figure in this story is city architect Nicolaas Plomp, who, besides his work for the current IJssel front of the city of Kampen, was also involved in hydraulic engineering. Due to the emerging industry in the 19th century and the importance of roads and railways for the economy, highways and paved roads were constructed to replace transportation over sand and mud roads.

The old Hanseatic town of Kampen

Kampen has one of the best preserved old town centres of the Netherlands, including remains of the ancient city wall (of which three gates are still standing) and numerous churches. The structure of the walled fortress city is still visible in the streets. Also notable are the three bridges over the IJssel which connect Kampen with IJsselmuiden, and a windmill (*d' Olde Zwarver*).

THE OLD TOWN HALL

The original Old Town Hall dates from around 1350. Here, from the Middle Ages until the French occupation, justice was spoken by magistrates and councils. The building was built in the Lower Rhine Gothic-style so characteristic of the German Hanseatic towns: a rectangular shape, simple decorations and windows in arch niches.

The building stood free with an entrance on the south side. This entrance is now closed by the construction of the New Town Hall next to it. On the south side was also the landing from which the city government announced decisions and where criminals were presented to the people.

During the night of February 4 -5, 1543, the Old Town Hall burned out. Only the outer walls, vaults and a portion of the floor remained intact, but badly battered. Very soon the rebuilding began and one year later the exterior was finished. From that moment on the Old Town Hall has two different architectural styles: the aspiring lines of the late Gothic mingle with the horizontal lines that are typical of the Renaissance.



The Old Town Hall

KOORNMARKTPOORT



Another gate (*picture left*) is the Koornmarktpoort ('grain market gate'), which dates from ca. 1380. It constitutes of a rectangular gate building and two big round towers facing the river. In the 19th century the gate was painted white, as can be seen on many older pictures including postcards. A few years ago the paint was removed.

DE KAMPER KOGGE

The Kamper Kogge (*picture right*), is a ship which was built according to historical information during the time Kampen had trade partners in Germany, Denmark and many more cities in Europe. These type of ships were used for transportation of goods. The ship was built on the Koggewerf with original techniques. On www.kamper-kogge.nl you can see more information about this ship. In 2004 a plan was made to travel with the Kogge the original route to the east sea. This route is called the 'Ommelande Vaart'.



ECONOMY

Kampen was a leading commercial centre until it was supplanted by Amsterdam in the 16th century. Its economy revived with the development of industry in the 19th century and the opening of the nearby agricultural polders (land reclaimed from the IJsselmeer) in 1942 and 1957. Kampen is now a service centre. Its industries include food processing, printing and publications and cement manufacture.



IJsselkade



Buitensingel



Oudestraat

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Profile of a Past President - Harry Crijns

President Harry Crijns from 2001 to 2005



I was born in the city of Maastricht in Limburg in The Netherlands and at the age of 10 years, in 1952 I migrated to Australia with my parents & younger sister. We came over on the ship the 'Fairsea' and arrived intact in Melbourne, Victoria. From there we travelled by train to the 'Bonegilla Migrant

Camp in Albury, Wodonga. After approximately 6 months, with employment difficult to find, my father got the opportunity to travel to the West and so we left Victoria for Western Australia on the ship the 'Johan van Oldenbarneveltdt'. On arriving in Fremantle we travelled to the Northam Holden Migrant Camp where we stayed for approximately 3 months. My father then obtained employment on the WAGR railways as a fettler and we moved to the 'tiny' wheatbelt town of Muntadgin. Muntadgin is 56km southeast of the 'bigger' town of Merredin and is 293 km east of the City of Perth. In Muntadgin we found a post office, store and pub plus 7 tents for the migrants – the women were very upset of course but the kids found fun everywhere! My father did take over the running of the pub much to my mother's relief – better than the tents. In time we moved to Albany – I joined the Police force, and eventually moved to Perth. I met up with Henny, also a 'Nederlander', in 1984, we married in 1986 and between us did our best to bring up 5 children as one son had already joined the Australian Army, 3 children were mine from a previous marriage and 3 were Henny's. When the children grew up and left home both my wife and I began to look for other outlets for our energies, we started to look into the 'Dutch Community'. We would frequent John Otis' Dutch Butcher shop and became acquainted with John and some of his staff. One day whilst shopping for our Rookveles, Leidse Kaas etc we noticed a 'poster' advertising 'Oranje Bal' at the Dutch Club Neerlandia and decided we would go there. That was the beginning of a long history with Neerlandia, Carnivals Club 'The Sandgropers' Inc. and the Dutch Community in WA.

The very first job with Neerlandia was working together with my wife behind the bar (both of us had bar experience) – that was on the night that Karel Nissen became Prins Carnaval for the CC The Sandgropers. A very busy night – full house; in the days that the mezzanine floor at the club was also used to seat guests. We soon became members of Neerlandia and in no time at all I was a part of the committee at Neerlandia doing whatever was necessary. When Adrie vander Worm resigned, I became Secretary in 1990 and served as such until 1992. Yet again, later I became Secretary of the Society for one year from 1998 to 1999. Then, when Pieter Meinema relinquished the Presidency, part way through his term of office - as Vice

President I became Acting President and then at the following AGM was elected President. I was President from 2001 to 2005 a position I enjoyed for the most part of those years. I enjoyed a wonderful report with many of the members and had on the whole a great committee. My first decision as President was to spend some money to start upgrading the club, something that was well overdue. During my term of office and along with my committee we achieved a lot, including the painting of the walls, new curtains in the hall, building the patio on the side which is now being used as the 'Children's Paradise'. We were also successful in obtaining 5 computers from Lotterywest, together with a Data Projector, Digital camera, printers and an upgrade of the Photo Copier. The upstairs area, the mezzanine floor - the railing of which with its cut out tulips I created as not only a decorative railing but as a safety feature for the children - was upgraded to become an office and a boardroom. We also placed a shed near DACWA for storing the 'now' old orange chairs, the library received new shelving and a TV mounted on the wall. The two back rooms either side of the stage received shelving for the long awaited storage space. The kitchen too got a much needed facelift with refreshed tiling and shelving. A new kitchen storage area was created by closing part of the back veranda. New shelving was also created and placed into the shop. The main bar was also given a facelift with a stainless steel fixture for hanging glasses and a canopy for the front of the bar. I also created the decorative façade to the front bar. I also organized and arranged for the 1st alarm system for the building – gratis. The next move was to look at obtaining Dutch liquor that was no longer available locally. So in consultation with Dutch Exporters and South East Asia Distributors we arranged the importation of our favourite Dutch drinks – namely Oude Jenever, Jonge Jenever, Citroen Brandewijn and the then popular Advocaat – and this is still being done today. To control all the extra alcohol and for future efficiency we introduced a database for stock control. We also helped DACWA improve their office, storage and shelving needs. We introduced the Friday maintenance day where members of the committee would come in and work at what needed doing, whether painting, mending, cleaning, everything - and our Vice President at the time Bert Creemers (deceased) would use his skills as chef to cook up a great lunch from mostly left overs for all the workers, always well received. Of course there were other improvements like new crockery, cutlery, new stainless steel pots for the kitchen and much more. In my time as President and along with the loyal members of the committee we achieved a great deal; this helped increase the clubs membership and its lifespan. Times change, committees change, everybody gets older and less fit but I congratulate the current committee of Neerlandia with its youthful leadership in its strong endeavours to bring the club into the future. It is great to see so many younger faces at the club and the introduction and the success of the 'Children's Paradise', created from the now old 'smokers' patio was well overdue – a great initiative to include the children -something that had been neglected for a long time. I wish the current President and the club a long and successful future.

Harry Crijns

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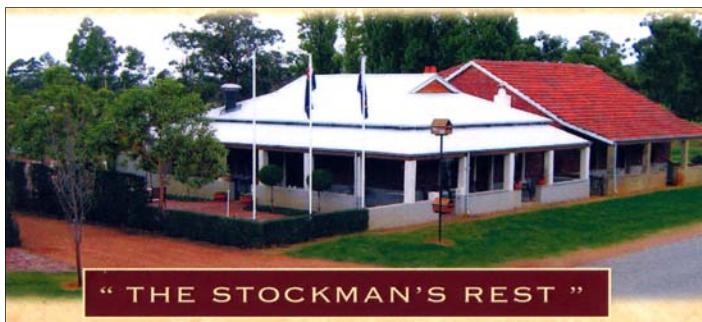
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Flowers from Holland.

It happened in the autumn of 1562, when a ship sailed into the harbour of Antwerp with a cargo of expensive cloth from Istanbul. A Flemish merchant, who had ordered these exotic fabrics also received a package of bulbs, most likely by way of a thank you for this order and looking at them, was thinking they must be a different variety of onion presented to him as a gift and so he had most of them roasted and ate them for his supper. The rest he planted in his garden in the vegetable patch next to his cabbages.

To his surprise the following spring, a few strange flowers poked their heads above the soil with delicate petals in red and yellow in great contrast to the other kitchen vegetables. His curiosity aroused, he invited one of his friends Joris Rye, a business man from nearby Mechelen, who he knew had a great interest in horticulture, to look at these



strange flowers. With the merchant's permission, he took some surviving bulbs to his own garden to cultivate while in the meantime he contacted others with knowledge of unusual plants. One of these was Carolus Clusius in the year 1563, an exceptional clever botanist, who had spent many years abroad looking for rare and exotic plants.

Carolus Clusius' real name was Charles de L'Escluse of minor nobility and born in the French city of Arras. Latin names at the time were all the rage amongst scientists. However Clusius was in Spain at this time, but when in 1658 he settled in Mechelen for a while, he was quick to recognize the importance of these brilliant new flowers stating- 'they bring pleasure to our eyes by their charming variety'. Clusius was not slow to cultivate these bulbs and send specimens to his correspondents all over Europe.

It was in January 1592 that a sealed envelope arrived at Clusius' lodging with a letter offering him a post in the medical faculty of the University of Leiden. The man who had actually proposed Clusius for a professorship was Johan van Hogenlande, a friend with whom he had exchanged flower bulbs for years. And so this person who had done more than anyone to popularize the tulip, settled in the Netherlands Republic, from where the flower in future years would be identified with Holland and known all over the world. Leiden at that time had developed into an important industrial city and one of the two biggest fabric-towns in Europe with its own imposing 'Lakenhal'. And it was well-known for its resistance against their Spanish overlords during the second siege from 30th October 1573 until their relief by the 'Watergeuzen' on 3 October 1574. During that siege 6000 people had died from wounds or hunger out of a total 18.000 inhabitants. It was in 1575 after Leiden's courageous resistance that the establishment of a university was granted, at that time the only university in the rebel Republic of the Seven Provinces. At the University, Clusius' main task was to establish a 'Hortus Academicus' in the same way as the one in Pisa, established in 1543, which was the first botanical garden in Europe. Similar gardens had been set up later in other places, mainly in present day Italy, like in Florence and Padua, also one in Leipzig and now one in Leiden, in the rebel Republic, the only one in the whole of Western Europe. This garden project was well funded

and contained some 350 individual beds growing a variety of herbs, even the newly discovered potato which was introduced from the Americas and last not least those tulips. However during the severe winter of 1593-94 Leiden's mice had eaten about 150 of his precious bulbs he had in his extensive collection. He worked in the garden until his death in 1609 and in time he discovered that a certain type of fungi caused the different coloured tulips to get these magnificent variegated petals and subsequently wrote a dissertation about his findings in 1601. However Clusius was not the first person to grow tulips in the Netherlands as that honour seems to belong to an apothecary from Amsterdam, named Walich Ziwerstsz, who cultivated them already before 1573. But returning to our story, it was Clusius who described and catalogued the Tulip and made a study of their propagation, publishing his treatises in 1583 and finally in his masterpiece called 'Rariorum Plantarum Historic' in 1601.

Again it was Clusius who observed how relatively easy it was to propagate new variants of these tulips, each distinguishable by its unique colour or shape and arrangements of its petals and leaves. In Clusius' day, the gardens in the Sultan's Topkapi Palaces showed already a substantial display of a great diversity of these glorious flowers. He was able to catalogue around thirty-four separate groups which he classified to their colour and shape. He also separated the tulips between the early-, mid - and late-flowering ones, of which the first group flower in March and the last in May. At present, as many as 120 different species of tulip have been registered together with countless individual varieties as well. Over all, most of the Dutch tulips have been produced by crossing flowers that had come to the United Provinces from Crete to Kurdistan; being the source of the tremendous variety they have on offer, thereby creating a worldwide market which has put Holland on the map as the land of the tulips. Tulips can be grown from seeds as well as bulbs. Growing tulips from seeds is found to be a chancy business, because even when taking the seeds from one flower only, it can result in a variety of different colours and petal shapes. Also it takes from six to seven years to produce a flowering tulip from seed. Once a tulip grown from seed has matured and flowered, it will reproduce itself by multiplying its bulb in the soil, known as 'offsets'. These offsets can be separated from the mother bulb and each of them will produce an identical flower in another year or two. In turn, they will also multiply their bulbs, also keeping a consistent petal colour and shape as well producing a constant supply of new bulbs which in their turn will multiply.

Add to this the effect that a special type of fungi has, to create an endless variegated colour pattern, then we will be able to appreciate the fabulous beauty of these tulips in their abundant colour range.

It should be noted however that each mother bulb will produce two or three offsets a year and can do so for about two years, after which it dies from exhaustion.



Flowers from Holland

It is easy to understand, now we know in which way our tulips are cultivated, how long it takes before a special attractive variety can be propagated in sufficient numbers to become marketable in sufficient volume to create a realistic profit for the grower's efforts and expenses. That was not so in the Golden Age of the Republic, where propagation was poorly understood and rather haphazard and any rare and coveted variety would be by necessity, in short supply and therefore quite expensive. By the year 1630 the most popular types were the Rosen, the Violetten and the Bizarden. The most numerous were the Rosen, their colouring red or pink on a white background. The Violetten were having purple or lilac petals and were favoured secondly. At last came the Bizarden which were the least favoured at the time with colourings of red, purple or brown on yellow. The colours of these tulips outshined those of any other flowering plant, in those early years as well as these days, with the exception of those flowers straight from paradise, the orchids. From the early days of the Dutch tulip craze, the most favoured types were the variegated ones with their riotous coloured petals and classified as 'superfine', entirely white or yellow and displaying their flames of violet, red or brown only in thin stripes that ran along the center and the edges of the petals. The secret of these favoured varieties was that they had been attacked by a type of fungus, already discovered by Clusius well before the year 1600. These were the kind of tulip that changed hands for hundreds or even thousands of guilders during the height of 'tulipomania' in Holland. These gorgeous tulips were also becoming very popular with the French aristocracy at the royal courts in Paris, where the ladies adorned their plunging necklines of their low-cut dresses with the most beautiful varieties of tulips available, often at a cost of over a thousand guilders for each item.



The initial impetus for the Dutch enthusiasm for tulips was brought along by the flood of refugees and immigrants, arriving from the Southern Netherlands and France from 1581 onwards and with the Jewish refugees in 1621, fleeing from persecution in Spain and Portugal. In some

instances the influx of immigrants increased the size of towns like Leiden from 12.000 citizens to 45.000. Amsterdam, with a population of 25.000 in 1567, grew to 50.000 inhabitants in 1610, followed by 100.000 in 1620 and again doubling up to 200.000 in 1660. The foundation of the diamond trade in Amsterdam was directly attributable to immigrants from Antwerp. Many of these refugees were gifted people, full of enterprise and hard working, bringing capital with them which in all added to the Republic's prosperity. The most suitable area for growth of these tulips were the

so called 'Geest Gronden', a stretch of sandy soils, mixed with clay, which runs along the coast of Holland all the way from Noordwijk and Leiden to Haarlem and then on to Alkmaar.

The increasing prosperity in the Republic was the impetus of the flower trade and especially the tulip trade. Thereby encouraging ever more nursery-men or so-called 'florists' to cultivate these tulips and have a share of the profits, generated by selling the flowers as well as the bulbs. And as always, amongst many honest tulip-growers, there were these fraudsters, who offered inferior cheap bulbs instead of the real highly prized varieties at inflated prices to well-heeled eager buyers, well knowing they would have skipped the country before the flowers bloomed. It was quite impossible for even an expert like Clusius to tell what sort of tulip would grow from any brown bulb and so this problem was destined to cause all sorts of disputes before the bulb craze reached its height in 1636, when one bulb was sold for 5200 guilders. To fully understand this, I will give you some idea of income at that time, like 250 guilders as a yearly income for an experienced carpenter, Rembrandt's fee of 1600 guilders for the 'Nachtwacht', 3000 guilders as a typical income of a prosperous merchant in Amsterdam, 13 guilders for one Dutch ton of herring and a stuiver for a tankard of beer. To note, there are 20 stuivers in one guilder. Many people were bankrupted when the bust came in 1637, when prices plummeted and many of those costly unsold tulip bulbs were rotting away or eaten by mice when stored. To quote one traveler, Monsieur de Blainville, who visited Holland at that time: 'They were possessed with such a Rage or, to give it its proper Name, such an itching for their Flowers, as to give often three thousand Crowns, for a Tulip that pleased their fancies; a Disease that ruined several rich Families'.

At present we can enjoy those colourful tulip-fields in the Netherlands, and the fabulous 'Keukenhof' flower-display, attracting many thousands of tourists from all over the world; not to forget the magnificent 'Corso' in early May each year, where a kilometer long display of flower decorated trucks slowly progress on their 25 kilometer tour from Noordwijk to Haarlem. This article again is an example of those enterprising Dutch, who create success, wealth and respect from all nations around the world, often against all odds.

Gerard Woerlee.



Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I found the last Codebreaker not too easy, but once I found the words "eclectic, witchcraft", I was on my way. The February solution was:

A=22; B=25; C=1; D=10; E=9; F=20; G=15; H=13; I=24; J=4; K=17; L=6; M=11; N=3; O=16; P=18; Q=21; R=23; S=8; T=26; U=7; V=5; W=14; X=19; Y=12; Z=2.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		P				T						

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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		5	8			1		7



Sudoku - Moderate

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				5		3	2	8
9				2	3			1
	3			9	5	2		
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